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Kennedy Back in Washington, Starts His 2d Year as President

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President Kennedy returned here last night from Florida, facing battles on the foreign and domestic fronts as he began his second calendar year as President in the nation's capital.

The Chief Executive's jet plane landed at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., at 5:58 p. m. on a flight from Palm Beach, Fla. The President rushed there Dec. 19 after his father, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, was felled with a stroke. He remained in Florida through the holidays with his family.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Kennedy received a report from Vice-President Johnson stating that the United States made faster progress in space in 1961 than "any other country." Mr. Johnson is chairman of the President's Space Council.

"While it is too early to make definite comparisons between our newly developing competence and the capabilities of the USSR, it is encouraging to note that the United States generated a greater rate of progress in 1961 than in any previous year or that of any other country," Mr. Johnson reported.

The president returned to a busy week end of conferences mixed with politics. Today he will meet with Rep. Wilbur Mills, D., Ark., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and a key figure in passing on Mr. Kennedy's legislative program. Later in the day, he will fly to Columbus, to speak at a testimonial dinner for Ohio's Democratic Governor, Michael V. DiSalle, an early Kennedy supporter in the 1960 Presidential race. The President will fly back here late tonight.

Tomorrow he will meet with his new chairman of the Central Intelligence Agency, John A. McCone, and with Gen. Lucius D. Clay, his personal representative in Berlin.

On Thursday, Mr. Kennedy will deliver his State-of-the-Union address to a joint session of Congress, starting at 12:30

p. m. The speech will be broadcast and televised nationally. Subsequent messages are expected to deal with the budget, farm program and other subjects.

Father, Out Next Week

Before leaving Florida, the President paid a visit to his father, former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, reported on the mend after being felled by a stroke Dec. 19. Two old friends of the President's father called on him at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach and later one of them, Boston Municipal Court Judge Francis T. Morrissey, reported that Mr. Kennedy will go home "some time next week."

Mr. Morrissey is a former smiling

political worker for the President. There were reports that the elder Mr. Kennedy had urged the President to name Judge Morrissey to the Federal bench, but no such appointment has been made. The other friend who called on the former Ambassador yesterday was Joseph P. Tumulty, ex-Police Commissioner of Boston.

The President drove himself to the hospital in a convertible, top down, accompanied by a single Secret Service agent. The Chief Executive was wearing a blue sports jacket and gray slacks. He arrived at 10:30 a. m. He left after a twenty-minute visit with his father. He was



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PRESIDENTIAL WAVE — The President acknowledges greetings as he leaves St. Mary's Hospital after visiting his father. He flew back to Washington.